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Attention: Federal-aid Branch, Room 3500
for Mr. Garland Hagan

Dear Mr. van Loben Sels:

SUBJECT: COFCG FTIP Amendment No. 3

We have completed our review of Amendment Number 3 of the Council of Fresno County Governments' (COFCG's) 1996-97 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for inclusion into California's current Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). This amendment was adopted by COFCG through Resolution No. 96-52. We accept this amendment in accordance with 23 CFR 450 as revised by the Metropolitan Planning Rule issued October 28, 1993, and effective November 29, 1993.

We find that this TIP Amendment is based on a continuing, comprehensive, coordinated transportation process in accordance with the provisions of 23 USC 134 and section 8 of the Federal Transit Act (49 USC app 1607). The property conveyance project in this TIP Amendment is categorically exempt from a regional air quality analysis and do not affect COFCG's existing air quality conformity determination.

This finding has been coordinated with the Regional offices of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This letter also constitutes approval, and inclusion of COFCG's TIP Amendment No. 96-3 into California's 1996/97 to 1998/99 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) with the understanding that FTA funding approval of projects is subject to the grantees meeting the necessary administrative requirements. Our approval is based on Caltran's assurance that the funding for these projects does not adversely impact the FSTIP Financial Plan.

Sincerely,

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Regional Administrator
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